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### **ENHANCEMENT PROJECT SET FOR FRONT STREET AND STADIUM DRIVE**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – April 25, 2006** – Work crews will begin removing and transplanting several trees along Front Street and Stadium Drive within the next few weeks to accommodate new sidewalk construction. The project is being funded through a North Carolina Department of Transportation Enhancement Program (TEA-21) grant designed to improve the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of North Carolina's transportation system. The affected sections of sidewalk are part of the town's long-range plan for sidewalk construction.

The project calls for the completion of a 480-foot long, five-foot-wide walkway along the east side of Front Street, beginning at the East Roosevelt underpass and ending at the Front Street and North Avenue intersection. In addition, a 1,200-foot long sidewalk will be constructed along the south side of West Stadium Drive beginning at North Wingate Street and ending west of Judson Drive.

Realiscape, Inc., a Raleigh-based landscape company, received permission from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS) to transplant seven small maples and 13 crape myrtles within the project area. In addition, Town crews will remove one large oak tree at the intersection of Front Street and North Avenue to accommodate the new sidewalk. Once construction of the sidewalk is completed, the Town will conclude the enhancement project by planting 21 new shade trees along Stadium Drive within an 8-foot public street tree easement.

Tree removal and transplanting will commence within the next two weeks and the sidewalk construction is set to begin May 15.

For more information about Wake Forest's Urban Forestry Program, contact Lisa Potts at (919) 554-6143.

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